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CAMPAIGN '96: DOLE HAS THE GOP NOMINATION LOCKED UP. ATTENTION NOW FOCUSED ON V.P.

Editor's note: Pundits have been wrong before, but not this time: GOP Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole has the Republican presidential nomination locked up. And on Mar. 26th, Calif.'s 165 delegates will put him over the 996 mark needed win the nomination. So now the talk has turned to Dole's running mate. Here's our update & analysis...

...Millionaire publisher Steve Forbes is OUT. He withdrew on Mar. 14th. But hardline conservative Pat Buchanan remains IN. He'll be actively campaigning in Calif. --- for (as he calls it) *the heart & soul of the Republican Party*. What does this mean???

...It means that Buchanan and his backers are now lobbying Dole supporters to stop all this talk about putting a pro-choice Republican (Colin Powell or perhaps even Gov. Pete Wilson) on the ticket and instead think about unifying the GOP. And who are some of the Buchanan folks talking up? If you said Calif. AG Dan Lungren, you win the prize...

...Lungren has been on Dole's short list of VP candidates for some time and only recently has the national news media taken note. A Reuters wire story on Mar. 12th quoted GOP House Speaker Newt Gingrich as suggesting that Dole should consider either Lungren (Reuters misspelled the AG's name - *Lundgren*) or MI Gov. John Engler. Both are solid *pro-lifers*...

...The Buchanan brigades in Calif. are pushing for Lungren because they're very much afraid that Dole's team may kiss Calif. good-bye as George Bush did in '92 -- and that resulted in a down-ticket disaster. With Lungren on the ticket, the scenario goes, Clinton will have to fight very hard to win this State...

...FYI: When Buchanan hits Calif., look for him to head for the border, where he'll do his bash & trash number on illegals & NAFTA. When Buchanan hits L.A., he might do his business bashing number by noting that Calif. will lose 20,000 jobs as a result of the Wells Fargo/1st Interstate bank merger. Will Pat break 30% in Calif.? Doubtful. Stay tuned...

ORANGE CO. GOP VERY WORRIED AS THREE PLEAD GUILTY IN D.A.'s PROBE OF DORIS ALLEN RECALL.

Editor's note: The L.A. Times headline said *Leader in Allen Recall Pleads Guilty to Vote Fraud*. Another LAT headline said *Ex-Pringle Aide Pleads Guilty to Fraud*. The O.C. Register's headline said *Ex-Baugh worker admits to violation*. All of this front page news is a result of the DA's ongoing probe into allegations of GOP dirty tricks in last year's Doris Allen recall election. The key question is this: Where is O.C. DA Mike Capizzi aiming his investigation? Here's our analysis & commentary...

...If there was a careful plan to make sure that Scott Baugh won the 67th A.D. recall against Allen last year, it started coming apart on Mar. 8 when Allen Richard Martin, 26, a former campaign worker for the new GOP assemblyman from Huntington Beach, was allowed to plead guilty to a misdemeanor for falsifying nomination papers for Demo Laurie Campbell. He was fined \$2,700 and given 200 hours of community service. In news accounts, Martin said Republicans recruited Campbell to drain votes from better-known Demo Linda Moulton Patterson. Martin said he helped aides for U.S. Rep. Dana Rohrabacher and Assembly Speaker Curt Pringle collect signatures for Campbell. Campbell was eventually tossed off the ballot when this stuff came to light, but until this first guilty plea, no one had been nailed with any wrongdoing and few of the details had been made public...

...On Mar. 11th, Jeff Gibson, 24, admitted basically the same thing and got the same kind of sentence. Gibson was the cmp. mgr. for the Allen Recall campaign. Then on Mar. 13th Mark Richard Denny, 27, a paid staffer to Speaker Pringle, also pled guilty - same thing. Sources say all three are cooperating with the DA's office and they'll soon testify before the county grand jury...

...This is certainly very bad news for Baugh, who has two primary challengers. But Barbara Coe and Cypress Councilwoman Cecilia Age are not well funded and still must be regarded as underdogs. Prior to this story breaking, Baugh's most serious problem was an accusation of hiding a \$1,000 campaign contribution from Rick Campbell (Laurie Campbell's husband) and accepting \$8,000 in cash from an O.C. businessman --- problems that normally would go right to the FPPC for a heavy fine, but nothing more. Sources say when Capitol reporters tried to question Baugh about these guilty pleas, he refused to answer questions...

...As for where this probe is now aimed, our sources are evenly divided. Some insist DA Capizzi will stop short of going after Pringle & Baugh, while others think he'll go all the way and may even try to link U.S. Rep. Rohrabacher. All three deny any wrongdoing. Events are moving at a very fast pace and our sources anticipate more news this coming week. Stay tuned...

CAMPAIGN '96: STATE SENATE PRIMARY UPDATE.
Editor's note: This week we'll focus on the 21st.S.D. GOP primary. Here's our brief update...

...This GOP dogfight between Assemblywoman Paula Boland, Pasadena businessman Bob Oltman and former Pasadena school board member Wilbert Smith has really turned negative & nasty. The lone Demo, attorney Adam Schiff, must be loving it. The most aggressive of the trio, Boland, is at the center of the latest controversy. After incumbent State Sen. Newt Russell (R-Glendale) endorsed Smith, Boland's campaign spokesperson Scott Wilk said *race rather than merit got Smith the endorsement*. The Pasadena Star News used the term quota endorsement in reference to Wilk's characterization of Russell's endorsement of Smith. Smith is Black and very conservative (he's opposed to affirmative action and is a big school voucher supporter). In addition to Russell's endorsement, retiring U.S. Rep. Carlos Moorhead (R-Glendale) has written a letter

stating that Smith would be the best GOPer to represent the Republican Party in November. Bottomline: Boland's campaign has egg on its face. It's a case of *open mouth, insert foot, shoot foot*. As for Smith, he's now got two excellent endorsements...

...As for the ongoing *she said, he said* battle between Boland and Oltman over Prop. 187, it appears as though Oltman comes out on top, but just barely. Oltman had said that while he supported Prop. 187 in '94, he voted against the measure. For days, Boland demanded to know whether Oltman had contributed to the 187 campaign. Oltman finally produced copies of two checks totaling \$250 and that he sent to State Sen. Dick Mountjoy (R-Arcadia), who was a 187 co-chair. End of Round II. Stay tuned...

CAMPAIGN '96: CA STATE ASSEMBLY PRIMARIES.
Editor's note: Here's another update on four more CA Assembly primaries...

☒ **16th A.D.** - Incumbent Demo Barbara Lee of Oakland is *termed out* and unless Oakland Councilwoman Dezie Woods-Jones can win this primary against former Alameda Co. Sup. Don Perata, there won't be any Black Demos in the Assembly from Northern Calif. Remember: Willie Brown's 13th A.D. will be taken over by Carole Migden. Who is favored in the 16th A.D.? Most, but not all sources think Perata, with 72% name ID and a huge war chest, should win --- but it could be close...

☒ **65th A.D.** - Although retired workers comp Judge David O'Brien of Big Bear Lake may pump in \$80,000 of his own money, most sources believe freshman GOP Assemblyman Brett Granlund of Yucaipa wins this primary without much trouble...

☒ **49th A.D.** - This is the East L.A. district of Demo Assemblywoman Diane Martinez, who hasn't raised very much money and doesn't appear to be putting on much of a primary campaign. We're putting this primary on our *watch list* because businessman Benjamin "Frank" Venti is said to be spending \$100,000 of his own money...

☒ **27th A.D.** - This Santa Cruz/Monterey Co. district is likely to shift back to Demo control in November because the Demos have recruited two strong can-

didates who are now slugging it out. Former Monterey Co. Sup. Karin Strasser Kaufman has lots of ag support and is viewed as the more moderate of the two. But County Sup. Fred Keeley comes from the Santa Cruz portion of the 27th and that makes up 2/3rds of the area. We rate this primary as a *toss up*. Stay tuned...

CALIF. INITIATIVE UPDATE: TWO WEEKS TO GO.

Editor's note: With just two weeks to go before the Mar. 26 primary, here's our latest update & analysis about ballot measures & initiatives...

◆ **Open Primary** - Most sources now agree that it will be almost impossible to stop Prop. 198 from winning voter approval. Indeed, that was the opinion of CA Assembly Speaker Curt Pringle(R-Orange Co.) when he appeared Mar. 9th on Century Cable TV's *Week In Review*...

◆ **Prop. 203** - This is the \$3 billion educational facilities bond act of 1996. *Californians for YES on 203* have begun airing two :10 sec. TV spots on cable TV and 13 taylor-made :30 sec. cable TV spots aimed at different markets in CA. In addition, the YES side has picked up favorable endorsements from the L.A. Times, S.F. Chronicle & Examiner, San Jose Mercury, the Sacto/Fresno/Modesto BEE newspapers and the Oakland Tribune...

◆ **No Flat Tax Initiative** - You can forget a flat tax initiative for November of '96. The key proponent, GOP Assemblyman Howard Kaloogian of Carlsbad, said his group (The American Flat Tax Assn.) was *postponing* the qualification drive because of the "combative political climate on the flat tax caused by the presidential campaign..." Kaloogian says his group had collected more than \$500,000 in contributions and another \$2 million in pledges. Kaloogian says he'll push his flat tax plan in the Legislature with his ACA 29...

◆ **Vouchers II** - A voucher measure backed by an organization known as Bay C.A.R.E. and 16 other groups is expected to turn in petitions on April 1st --- that's about 3 weeks from now. Our sources think this measure has a shot at qualifying for the Nov. 5th ballot. They'll need more than a 1 million valid signatures. How do Calif. adults feel about vouchers? According to a new survey conducted for Nelson & Lucas Communications, Californians remain almost

evenly divided --- 46.6% opposed to the concept of tax-funded vouchers and 46.3% in favor. The survey was completed in mid-January among 800 adults by Voter/Consumer Research. Stay tuned...

CAMPAIGN '96: U.S. HOUSE PRIMARY CONTESTS.

Editor's note: Here's a brief update on 3 more U.S. House primary battles...

☒ **42nd C.D.** - The GOP primary has turned very *nasty*, with charges and counter-charges flying in all directions. Most of the heat seems directed at San Berdu Co. Sup. Court Judge Linda Wilde. But Rancho Cucamonga Councilman Rex Gutierrez and businessman Steve Stewart aren't immune. The only GOP candidate not dishing the dirt is the '94 nominee, Rob Guzman. Stewart is picking up lots of support from the religious right, but Guzman has money. Right now our guess is that Guzman and Wilde are the two candidates to beat, but if the attacks against Wilde continue, she could be in trouble. It's a zoo...

☒ **50th C.D.** - In the Demo primary battle between San Diego Councilman Juan Vargas and U.S. Rep. Bob Filner(D-San Diego), on Mar. 10th, House Demo Leader Dick Gephardt(D-St. Louis) was in town stumping for Filner, walking a local neighborhood with Filner. Also stumping for Filner was U.S. Rep. Maxine Waters(D-L.A.) --- to offset key Black support for Vargas in the district. Still too close to call...

☒ **36th C.D.** - In the GOP primary, candidate Irwin Savodnik has distributed 30,000 videotape messages to GOP voters. Sources say it's the first time this kind of campaign tactic has been used in the South Bay area of L.A. County. Is this better than 2-3 mailers? Mixed opinion. Many still rate the GOP primary as a *toss up* between Savodnik, who has the resources, and the '94 nominee, Susan Brooks. There are two other GOPers in the race. In a recent Century Cable TV debate, Brooks again did her pit bull number by going after Savodnik and his past links to the Demo Party. FYI: our sources say the **gun lobby** will again help Brooks, but they'd better hurry. Stay tuned...

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CAMPAIGN '96: UPDATE ON LOCAL INITIATIVES.

Editor's note: Here's a brief update on some of the hotter local ballot measures facing voters Mar. 26th...

☒ **Measure B - S.F.** - Will voters in San Francisco give the OK to a proposal to build a new ballpark for the S.F. Giants in the downtown area? That's what Measure B is about and a poll appearing in the Feb. 16th edition of the S.F. Chron showed 58% of likely voters in favor, 26% opposed, with 16% undecided. The survey was by Mark Baldassare & Assoc. *San Franciscans for a Downtown Ballpark* have the resources and there's not much in the way of opposition except for a some *NIMBY* types...

☒ **Measure S - Orange Co.** - Sometimes called El Toro II (because this measure deals with the future use of the El Toro Marine Corps Air Station), this measure would repeal Measure A from 1994 --- which would permit El Toro to be converted into a major international airport. The folks in South Orange Co. are very much opposed and the battle over "S" is spilling over into other races, as candidates take sides. A Mar. 1-4 survey by Mark Baldassare & Assoc. shows the race almost even --- 41% YES on S, 39% NO and 20% undecided. Friends of S have pumped out about 6 pieces of mail (NO about 3-4)...

L.A. LINCOLN CLUB HOSTS FOUR GOP CANDIDATES.

The Downtown L.A. Lincoln Club will play host to GOP candidates Paul Stepanek(29th C.D.), Judge Linda Wilde(42nd C.D.); Assemblywoman Paula Boland(21st S.D.) and LAPD Officer Peter Repovich(43rd A.D.), 12 noon, Mar. 19, Hotel Inter-Continental. For info & RSVPS ☎ Sheila McNichols (818)249-4205...

LEXINGTON GROUP TO HOST CDP CHAIR TORRES.

Former State Sen. Art Torres(D-L.A.), the CA Demo Party's new chair, will address members of the Calif. Lexington Group, 12 noon to 2 p.m., Mar. 28, Jade West Restaurant, Century City. Non-members can attend. For info ☎ Paulette Surjue-Lindo (310)312-4000, ext. 4634...

CALPEEK'S '96 DIRECTORY OF CAMPAIGN CONSULTANTS

All gone. We've sold out of the 5th edition of CALPEEK's 1995-96 Directory of Campaign Consultants. We'll start to work on the 6th edition in June of 1997. FYI: be on the lookout for CALPEEK's 1996 Election Guide (sometime in April or May)...

L.A. COUNTY DA'S RACE: CAN INCUMBENT DA GIL GARCETTI BE FORCED INTO A NOVEMBER RUNOFF?

Editor's note: With a little more than a week to go before the Mar. 26th primary, incumbent L.A. Co. DA Gil Garcetti must be nervous, even though he's got a ton of money and his five(5) rivals have hardly enough to make a dent on the political landscape. Here's our update & analysis...

...Our sources give the following reasons why Garcetti should be nervous: 1) **Bad press** --- the story about B.J. McMorrow's contribution (\$13,000 to Garcetti) coupled with Garcetti's refusal to seek a 3rd Strike against McMorrow's grandson, Brian John McMorrow, a two-time convicted robber, got lots of play. So did the story about L.A. Sup. Court Judge David P. Yaffe, who accused Garcetti of a "gross abuse of prosecutorial discretion" for seeking a 3rd strike against a homeless person, who was acquitted of charges of possessing .3 gram of cocaine. 2) **A Weak 1st TV Spot** --- the first Garcetti :30 sec. ad is *almost forgettable*, except for an ending which notes that Garcetti's office has a 93% conviction rate. Most sources say this just reminds voters that Garcetti and his predecessors couldn't win convictions on the other 7% -- the high profile cases, such as the O.J. Simpson murder case. 3) **Polling data** --- the only poll we've seen is from Dep. DA Malcolm Jordan and it goes back to last December. Yet it shows Garcetti's reelect number at only 39% -- and when *push questions* are thrown into the mix, Garcetti's reelect figure drops to 29%. Not very impressive...

...So what are Garcetti's rivals doing? Jordan has the biggest war chest of the 5 rivals. He's done some direct mail, is on 4 slates and has pumped \$100,000 into a 3 week cable TV buy. The ad was produced by Jordan's campaign COS, screenwriter Garrick Dowhen. It's terrible. Dep. DA John Lynch will be on 3 slates, has done a modest chase program aimed at absentee voters and may have some radio. Attorney Harold Greenberg will be on 2 slates and will buy a week's worth of radio ads. Is this enough? No, but some sources think that voters may be looking for an alternative to Garcetti. And there's the Menendez II trial. Another hung jury could cook Garcetti and force a runoff. Stay tuned...